Consultation questions

Tell us what you think of the council’s draft Estates Local Plan

1) Having read and considered the council’s draft Estates Local Plan and supporting documents please indicate your preference at this stage for regeneration.

Please tick one of the following options:

☐ Option 1: Demolish and redevelop the entire Estate

Redeveloping the whole estate would mean demolishing and replacing the existing buildings to provide well-designed energy efficient new homes and general improvement to the neighbourhood, including connections to the surrounding areas.

☐ Option 2: Partial redevelopment

Retain some buildings and redevelop the majority of the estate to provide a number of benefits, such as well-designed energy efficient new homes but with fewer benefits to the neighbourhood.

☑ Option 3: Invest in existing properties to bring them to minimum modern standards

Refurbish all Circle Housing Merton Priory and leasehold properties to ensure they meet current minimum housing standards and have reasonable kitchens, bathrooms, windows, wiring and insulation. All leaseholders would have to share the costs of this work. This would not include changes to the outside areas.

This is so vague... even if you were pro-redevelopment - it isn't presenting a viable way forward - there is no substance, just biased opinion!
2) To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following aspects of the council’s draft Estates Local Plan? Please select one of the following ratings for each topic area:

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<td><strong>Townscape - How your neighbourhood looks and feels</strong></td>
<td>Strongly agree</td>
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<td><strong>Street Network - Where the streets will go</strong></td>
<td>Agree</td>
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<td><strong>Movement and access – How people will move around</strong></td>
<td>Neither agree nor disagree</td>
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<td><strong>Land use – What uses can go in the new neighbourhood</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Open space – How much and what sort of open space will there be</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Environmental protection - How design will help to achieve a sustainable e.g. reduce flooding, encourage wildlife and provide energy efficient homes</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Building heights – How high buildings should be</strong></td>
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3) Please tell us if you have any other comments about the council’s draft Estates Local Plan?

(Please include details of the page number(s) and paragraph number(s) of the council’s draft plan to which your comments relate. Please continue on a separate sheet and attach to this form clearly indicating the question you are writing about.)

- "Key drivers" - you list a number of policies full of jargon and seem to be just waffle - when do you expect the average person in your town to understand all these? Why not just summarise the key points in each if you are actually interested in being transparent and accessible?

- "Vision" - "contemporary compact neighborhoods" = what a lot of meaningless nonsense! - the estate now is dark, drab and unpleasant, yet you are proposing to make it unique (not in architecture/aesthetics?) - I note you are proposing to have "affordable housing" but not enough in my opinion.

- "Use very biased language in "design principles" - I urge you to take a look at the Clay Avenue character (boxed) document - "Merton Borough Character Study" (not the various others)

- "Side analysis" - you don't even show you care! How very not?参

- "Public face of the estate is very stark + forbidding + unattractive" (since when have "mews" ever been made attractive) - (despite previous efforts by me to get the appearance of the estate improved)

- "Uneasy relationship between public + private space" - surely not?

- "I love going from my back garden out into the green - my wedding party enjoyed the wonderful back green in June."

- You describe it as a "review" - again on page 32 of the consultation document.
Tell us what you think about the council’s consultation
- Why bother mentioning what a design could include? – This seems pointless – we need to see a proposed design (code to consult on) otherwise we are just babble! (redundant)

4) How did you hear about this consultation?

Please select one or more.

☐ Email
☐ Letter
☐ Website

☐ Newspaper
☐ Other (please specify)

5) How well did you understand the council’s draft Estates Local Plan?

Please select one

☐ Very well
☐ Reasonably well
☐ Not very well
☐ Not at all

6) Do you have any other comments about the council’s consultation process that you would like considered?

- Why is it that Clapham have only just noticed that east Seren has coming on 4 sides + school on the other??! This has been happening since 2007 when I moved in -- their masterplan only got my approval because they needed to build near my garden -- we could then just move into the new homes – the explanation as to why this won’t happen has not been provided + further undermines trust and faith in their competence!

- The whole thing is pointless until you identify where may can start building (the sites suggested + dismissed) show a disregard for local people anyway (to be built on our own sites?) I don’t think so!!

- If it seems your only option (albeit unlikely) is to build on it makes playfields - I certainly am not going to give up my current peaceful home to be sandwiched between the noise of the railway line, a main road and a high school play area! I gather that the third road linking to the site with Woodstock way was key to the Clapham original plans + despite public opposition to that noted at public meetings - it seems you plan on doing that anyway – you draft plan seems to be full of jargon + that finding key / important points is like finding a needle in a haystack - I have 2 degrees and found deciphering them like wading through mud!